

REMARKS

As stated in the remarks filed with the Request for Continued Examination during the interview, claims 1, 7 and 8 were discussed. Claim 1 was amended to define the ester as hydrolysable under the conditions of step i) and Claim 8 was amended to replace "benzyl esters" and "cyanomethyl esters" with "benzyl ester" and "cyanomethyl ester". The submission of a declaration to explain the stability testing defined in Claim 7 was also provided. The declaration with the original signature is attached. Claim 7 is being amended to include the stability percentage.

If any outstanding issues remain, it respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted.

Respectfully submitted,



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